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REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

ITEMS FOR WOMEN

The St. Louis Labor Tribune, whose editorials we always read and often quote in East Bay Labor Journal, said not long ago:

"Labor, national organ of the railroad unions, recently asked its 800,000 subscribers whether it should turn over more space in its 4-page weekly to comics, sports, and items of interest to women. With only a few exceptions, those who replied emphatically said, NO. We believe this cross-section of opinion of readers of one of the nation's top labor weeklies reflects sound discernment. . . . A labor paper is either a union organ, or it is not. It can't be all things to all men as our dailies try to be. Read your labor paper to know all about labor, not about batting averages, cooking or the right thing to wear—you get that from the better-staffed dailies."

With all this the present writer agrees except in the matter of "items of interest to women."

TWO GOOD REASONS

East Bay Labor Journal has now for some years, despite its limited space and staff, carried on the second page in practically every issue some items believed to be of special interest to women. This includes some discussion by Edith McConnell, and a special editorial intended to interest women.

If we had more room in the paper, we'd print more such news items and discussions for our women readers. Why? There are two reasons:

1—It's still a "man's world" even in the labor movement, which is supposed to be interested in the welfare of all humanity. There's still too much tendency to think that men know best, and that women in the unions don't know what's good for them. This is partly because women, whether in unions or in the home, do have, and with good reason, different approaches to problems and to pleasures than men do, and since they're different, men in the labor movement, as in the world at large, go on assuming serenely that women are inferior.

2—Some of the most important women, so far as the interests of labor are concerned, are not in the unions at all, except by proxy; they're the wives, or sisters, sweethearts, or kinswomen of male union members. If they have no interest in the union, never care to look at the union paper, they can't understand why their man should do such a thing as strike, and, come election time, they can't understand why that nice man with the bald head, the general's uniform, and the Hollywood-trained smile shouldn't be allowed to do what he and his Big Business pals wish to do to unions.

MR. OSTRICH

Accordingly, "items of interest to women" come in an entirely different category from "comics, sports, batting averages," etc.

However, if any of us men want to go on being Mr. Ostrich and sticking our heads in the sand so we can't see how important the other half of the human race is in relation to unionism, that's strictly up to Mr. Ostrich. But that isn't the name of the present writer.

PACIFIC GREYHOUND drivers and station employees in seven Western States are voting on whether to authorize a strike if current negotiations break down. They are members of sister locals of the Streetcar & Motor Coach Drivers Union to which Key System workers belong.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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EAST BAY DELEGATES to the first annual Leadership Conference of Hospital & Institutional Workers Union, Local 250, on Saturday, February 25, were seated 1. to r: Jacqueline McDonald, Alta Bates Hospital; Sybil Sparks, Kaiser Richmond Hospital; Irene Robinson and Mamie McIntyre, Kaiser Vallejo Hospital; Annie Blint, Samuel Merritt Hospital; Frank Chaiken, Albany Hospital; (a Union member for 42 years); 250 Representatives Agnes Granger and John Robinson; and standing 1. to r: Ed Maylone and Ed Bokinski, Pittsburg Community Hospital; also representing Concord Community Hospital and Antioch Hospital; Willie Price, Kaiser Vallejo Hospital; Rev. Joseph Goins, Oakland Kaiser Hospital; Louis McMullin, Samuel Merritt Hospital; Joseph Secchitano; Al Hurson, President and Virgil Swenson, Vice President Local 250, Kaiser Hospital; Walnut Creek; Chester Brown, Herrick Memorial Hospital; Russell Beard, Oakland Kaiser Hospital; and Toffick Sadegualvad, Alameda Hospital. The group pictured is only part of the delegation attending the Leadership Conference.

Water Might Quit Us and Go South, Labor Council Warned

Impressive warning was given to the Central Labor Council this week that the water with which Mother Nature has blessed the East Bay area may very soon pick up and leave these parts under the guidance of man, Southern California man to be specific.

The warning was given by Jack Kopke, Paint Makers 1101, who with E. H. Vernon, Auto Machinists 1546, had as a representative of the CLC attended a recent gathering of some 60 persons in the Board of Supervisors room in the Courthouse.

The Supervisors had requested that labor, along with other groups, have representatives at the meeting.

"People from all parts of the county were there," said Kopke, "and although working people make up the largest part of the population, there were only three of us there, Building Trades Council Business Representative, J. L. Childers, and the two of us from this council."

Taking a piece of chalk, Kopke drew on the blackboard sweeping lines coming to a point, the lines representing the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, and the point being Oakland.

"We have just sat here very complacently under the rule of the Tribune Tower," said Kopke, "figuring Nature had supplied us with water, and all we had to do was keep on living the life of a cow county, although Alameda county is the second largest in the State in population. But now the time has come when the many millions of people in the southern part of the State, who have the votes, are short of water."

The southern end of the State, he said, was very active in pressing on the Legislature, which had begun its new session the day Kopke spoke, plans for diverting the bulk of the water down there.

"The Board of Supervisors has let this go too long," said Kopke, "but now that they've waked up I think labor should back them in their desire to get a legislative representative to attend to our county's interests on water now, during the present session."

Kopke read a policy statement prepared by the Super-

Labor Spokesmen For School Bonds

At the request of East Bay Labor Journal, S. M. Pratt, secretary of the Greater Alameda County Industrial Union Council, supplies the following information on the labor aspect of the Oakland school bond drive:

Chas. Howard called a meeting of a number of people representing a broad cross section of the Oakland population in order to get the campaign for the Oakland School Bond election under way.

A committee composed of Mr. Howard, Mr. Mulford, Mr. Herbert, and Mr. Ken Morrish was selected to engage a Campaign Manager.

Cross Endorsed In Congress Dist. 7; Knight Hit, Lauded

Dr. Laurence L. Cross, former Mayor of Berkeley, has the endorsement of the 7th Congressional District Democratic primary convention, held Saturday at the Oakland Auditorium. The incumbent, for years denounced by organized labor, is J. J. Allen, Republican.

The following were endorsed for Assemblymen in the Assembly District within the 7th Congressional District:

16th: William Freeborn, Piedmont contractor
17th: Byron Rumford, incumbent
18th: Dr. James G. Whitney, Berkeley psychiatrist

Other political developments of recent date included an appeal by Governor Knight to Democrats to vote for President Eisenhower, an appeal to Republicans by State Federation of Labor Vice President Harry Finks of Sacramento to run Knight as Vice President, and an attack on Knight's attitude by leading Democrats.

Senator Knowland got into the news, too, by saying that he thought President Eisenhower should do something more in the campaign than just talk over TV and radio.

Rubber Workers' Credit Dividend

The annual meeting of the members of the Pacific Rubber & Tire Co. Employees Federal Credit Union was held at Onstad's Restaurant January 21.

The treasurer, S. M. Pratt, reported that the assets of the Credit Union had increased more than 150% during the past year. This great progress indicated the support of the employees of Mansfield Tire & Rubber Co. for this type of organization.

Present as guest speaker was Lance Barden, regional director of the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions.

Barden pointed out that a Credit Union would grow in direct proportion to the services which it renders to its members, and advised the officers to study ways and means of giving greater services and extending all the benefits of the organization to all the members.

The members declared a 4% dividend, although it was possible to pay a greater dividend at this time.

Union in Protest Against Matsons

Carpenters 1149 put on a picketing demonstration at the Bethlehem shipyard in San Francisco, where the Matson Lines Matsonia was in drydock preparatory to being towed to Newport News, Va., for refitting. Later the union's pickets marched in front of the Matson offices in San Francisco, and in front of the City Hall.

Stan Lore, president of Local 1149, said the demonstration was for the purpose of calling attention to maneuvers made to get the refitting job done in East, rather than out here, where shipyard jobs are greatly needed.



DR. LAURANCE L. CROSS

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Knights addressed his appeal to Democrats to support Eisenhower in a talk before the Republican Assembly at a dinner in the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. The Governor said that Democrats should join in a "grand nonpartisan movement" to elect Eisenhower, and that Democratic leaders who joined such a movement could "become giants in American political history," and that they could do this without endangering the two-party system.

Democratic leaders promptly replied that the Governor's speech was a "brazen attempt to make it appear that Republican leaders are united back of Mr. Eisenhower's second-term ambitions," and that a "three-headed unity slate" had been picked by the Governor's campaign managers, the public relations firm of Whitaker & Baxter, and others.

The Democratic leaders insisted that the "three-headed unity slate" completely ignored liberal Republicans of the Warren type, "liberals who can't stomach Nixon, who won't take Knowland, and who refuse to follow Knight." They advised such liberal Republicans to vote the Democratic ticket.

The Democrats issuing the statement were: Attorney General Pat Brown, Elizabeth Snyder of Los Angeles, and Roger Kent, northern chairman of the

Beck Says Report Hoffa to Replace Him is Falsehood

Dave Beck, international president of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, said in Phoenix last week that there is no truth to a report by Fortune Magazine that he has made a deal to step down and let International Vice President James Hoffa of Detroit take his place.

Various publications have been reporting the rumor for some time. One trade magazine of the trucking industry said:

MEANY INVESTIGATES TEAMO \$400,000 GIFT TO AFLCIO RIVAL

The AFLCIO News, official publication of the united labor movement, announced on page one of the March 3 issue that AFL-CIO President George Meany "promised to investigate published reports that the Teamsters Union will deposit \$400,000 in a Chicago bank to pay debts incurred by the International Longshoremen's Association since it was expelled from the AFL in 1953."

The fact that Teamsters Vice President James Hoffa had "made it clear" that the Teamsters "would support the IIA in any representation election with the Brotherhood of Longshoremen chartered by the AFL-CIO" was cited.

"As soon as I obtain the facts," Meany was quoted as saying, "I will take whatever action the circumstances warrant in accordance with the principles set forth in the constitution of the AFLCIO."

In a recent issue that "Mr. Hoffa's strength is well organized, since it is said he unquestionably controls three out of four interstate Teamsters' Conferences, and has been replacing Beck men with Hoffa men on the union's central leadership councils. A plan has been worked out according to reliable reports, whereby Mr. Beck will be reelected as president in the December 1956 Teamsters' convention. He will hold this office for six months and then resign, receiving a \$50,000 a year retirement salary."

New York papers devoted considerable space recently to the struggle that has been going on for control of the Joint Council of Teamsters in New York City. Martin T. Lacey, longtime incumbent of the \$25,000 post, is reported by the New York papers as being the man Beck would like to see stay in office, with his opponent for election to the office, John O'Rourke backed by Hoffa. O'Rourke about some of the ballots put the contest in the indecisive list, but the daily press in New York is claiming Hoffa's man will sooner or later crowd out Beck's man.

BECK EMPHATIC

Beck in Phoenix emphatically dismissed all these reports about a struggle between himself and Hoffa, and about a possible deal between them for Beck to step down after being reelected, as so much hogwash. Beck told the Associated Press that he has said over and over that he will seek reelection in 1957 to a final five-year term, which would bring him to the age of 66 at the end of that term in 1962, and that he intends to stay in office the full term if reelected.

Reports of a conflict between Beck and AFLCIO President George Meany on the relationship between the Teamsters and the newly merged organization have also been given wide publicity. Meany has been preparing to launch a new drive to take control of the New York waterfront from the old International Longshoremen's Association, which Meany had thrown out of the AFL on the ground that it was racket-ridden.

Meanwhile, Beck worked out a mutual assistance pact with the IIA, and on February 27 an Associated Press dispatch from New York reported that "the powerful AFLCIO Teamsters Union today earmarked \$400,000 to finance its bankrupt independent proteges, the International Longshoremen's Association."

POLITICS QUESTION

Bad feeling has also been reported as arising between Beck and Meany over the mutual assistance pact of the Teamsters with the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, a union which was

Oakland City Council Is Told BTC Supports a Police Union

The Oakland City Council was informed in emphatic terms by speakers at the Building Trades Council meeting Tuesday night that organized labor expects any member of the City Council who wishes to be considered a friend of Labor to vote, when the matter comes up, that policemen shall be permitted to form a union.

Speakers expressed their intention of getting in touch with members of the City Council and discussing the matter. They said that they were sure many others would do so. Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, said the issue comes before the City Council Thursday of next week.

Ernie Mulgrew, Teamsters 70, said that Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash could certainly count on the full support of labor in his effort to assist the policemen in their desire to have a union. All employees of the city, said Mulgrew, have the right to organize, and it doesn't sound as though we were talking about America when we're told that any group of municipal employees must refrain from organizing.

Mulgrew said that he resented remarks by Police Chief Vernon and City Manager Thompson to the effect that

7-HOUR BUTTONS

William Marshall of the Carpenters called the BTC delegates' attention to the fact that the 7-hour day buttons are now available and can be ordered in the BTC office at \$2 per hundred. He urged unions to order them and get the buttons as fast as possible into the hands of members.

strikes of the police would be intolerable.

The police chief knows very well, Mulgrew pointed out, that police unions don't strike. Like the postal employees, they are organized in unions, but they don't strike.

"The police chief wishes to scare people with the idea that if the policemen are organized in a union, they will strike," said Mulgrew.

Joseph Hightower, Carpenters 36, recently back from the State Council of Carpenters gathering in San Jose, said that the police chief of that city, where the police have long been unionized, told the conference that his one criticism was that not absolutely all of the policemen in San Jose had joined up yet.

In San Jose, said Hightower, the police chief, and the sheriff of Santa Clara county, are honorary members of the Brick Masons, and are pleased to be associated with unionism.

Rutledge said that the many members of unions who have friends on the City Council should discuss the matter with them.

Harry Boughton, Painters 127, said that Chief Vernon has thrown down the gauntlet to labor, and the effort to help the police should be pressed with all the energy and resources of organized labor.

Delegate Flanagan, Carpenters 36, said it was reported in the press that the chief had called in policemen and threatened them if they had failed to obey his ukase to keep away from unionism; but there had certainly been nothing in the press about the chief telling the officers that they should withdraw from other organizations.

(Some of the other organizations to which policemen belong as by organized labor to be, in effect, company unions.)

Boughton brought up the question of City Manager Thompson's attitude, and BTC President J. S. Miller commented.

Printers Auxiliary to Have Party March 16th

A party celebrating the 46th birthday of Ladies Auxiliary 26 of the Printers and Mailers will be held at the Show Boat on Jack London Square Friday, March 16.

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

Labor Temple Auxiliary Rummage Sale March 13

The Labor Temple Women's Auxiliary will hold their annual rummage sale Tuesday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 470 9th street.

APRIL 12 DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR VOTING IN THE JUNE PRIMARY

April 12 is the deadline for registering to vote in the June elections.

If you failed to vote in the last Statewide primary election, and if you also failed to vote in the general election, then you have to re-register.

In order to register, you have to have been in the State one year, in the county 90 days, and in the precinct 54 days.

County Clerk Jack Blue reminds you that you can register in any firehouse.

Hayward Council Backs Attaway's Sears-Kahn Stand

The policy backed by Floyd Attaway in the controversy over the zoning of a strip of land near Hayward in order to provide for the building of the \$28,000,000 proposed Sears-Kahn Shopping Center was supported unanimously by the Hayward City Council Tuesday night.

Attaway's stand had first become prominent in Hayward affairs when as a member of the City Planning Commission he voted for the adding of the Sears-Kahn Shopping Center to Hayward's facilities. Attaway's position was opposed at the City Council meeting Tuesday night, by Manuel Castro, secretary-treasurer of Cannery Workers 768.

Both Attaway and Castro are candidates for election to the Hayward City Council in the April 10 election. Attaway is business representative of Culinary 823. It had been universally assumed that they would work together with the united support of labor, for the development of the huge shopping center, the building of which will employ many building trades workers, and which will create employment for some 3500 people when it is completed, in addition to providing new shopping facilities.

But Castro created a sensation and much bewilderment by circulating a big broadside the size of a standard sized newspaper sheet, in which he denounced Attaway for supporting the shopping center project, and in general followed the line of the downtown merchants of Hayward, who fear that if the shopping center is built, it will take trade away from their stores.

At the City Council meeting Tuesday night Castro not only criticized the whole shopping center project, but cast aspersions on two members of the City Council, Robert Wright and John Purchio, who had been elected two years before with labor's support. Purchio answered Castro vigorously before the largest crowd that Hayward has ever seen assembled at a City Council meeting.

Andre LaRoche, secretary-treasurer of the Southern Alameda County Voters League-AFL, issued this week a statement strongly supporting Attaway, and urging all labor people to stand together for Attaway's election to the City Council April 10. LaRoche said he was unable to understand Castro's actions.

The action of the Hayward City Council Tuesday night consisted in unanimous approval of 227-acre Long Annex, and intermunicipally zoned 110 acres of the property for business and commercial use, with the balance zoned for residential development.

Attaway appeared before the City Council Tuesday night and spoke for support of the resolution. He said that earlier proposals to zone the area for light industry and warehouses seemed undesirable in view of the fact that residential development had already so greatly encroached on the area that commercial and residential zoning seemed the sensible thing to establish.

The Alameda County Central Labor Council Monday night unanimously authorized Secretary Robert S. Ash to have a letter before the Hayward City Council Tuesday night strongly backing Attaway's position.

Labor People at Teachers' Recruit Meets Disgusted

Three delegates sent by the Central Labor Council to meetings in Sacramento and at Stanford University to devise means of recruiting more teachers for the California school system reported Monday night at the council meeting that they were disgusted and discouraged by the meetings they attended.

In the first place, they said, they discovered that the conferences, instead of being sponsored by the Governor or the Superintendent of Schools, are held under the auspices of the company union, the California Teachers Association.

In the second place, they reported, everyone present except the labor representatives seemed determined to build a stone wall to prevent any question about the need for better wages and better working conditions peering in at the discussion.

The talk was mostly about higher professional standards, dignity in the community, having teachers invited more often to dinner in the homes of the pupils' parents and the business men's clubs, taking more courses in education, and the joy of service.

Russ Crowell, Cleaners 23, said he gathered that higher professional standards meant taking some more courses in education at the universities. He summed it all up by saying that "it was pretty much a waste of time."

Ray Hernandez, Berkeley Teachers Union, said it seemed strange that so little attention was paid to the need for better wages and conditions, since a Ford Foundation report showed that 73% of the men teachers leave because of this.

Herb Sims, Engineers 39, said his experience at the Stanford meeting convinced him that the proposal that any teacher have freedom to join an organization such as a real labor union simply shocked those in attendance.

The consensus was that these meetings are stacked with stooges of the Taxpayers League, "reliable" P-TA members, etc. Sims suggested more labor people get active in the P-TA.

George Rice, Electricians 1245, made a motion which was carried that the executive board draw up rules governing the sending of delegates to the many conferences called by the Governor and others.

"I've been a conference bum more years than I care to think of," said Rice, indicating that he thought most of these conferences were politically inspired and, like the teachers' recruiting meetings, "a waste of time."

Anti-Union Chief Calls in the Men

Oakland Police Chief W. W. Vernon summoned police officers into his office Monday to demand whether or not they had given up the idea of forming a union. He announced that he would take disciplinary action against any officer found to be a member of the union.

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash at the meeting of that organization Monday evening said that while a charter for such a union had been applied for, it had not been installed.

Ash said that as things stand in California there is no law to prevent the forming of a policemen's union, or a union of any group of public employees. But the California courts, he said, have ruled that if a municipal or other public administrator, such as a city manager, rules that a union must not be formed, then his order must be obeyed unless the city council passes an ordinance approving the formation of such a union.

San Leandro Bond Election Mar. 13

Labor people working for the passage of the \$6,000,000 bonds for the San Leandro school district at the election this coming Tuesday, March 13, were this week reminding voters that a two-thirds majority is needed, two votes in favor for every one opposing. The need for the bonds is held to be pressing, as school enrollment has risen from 1739 in 1940 to 9889 in 1955.

HOW TO BUY

More Tips on Tax-Savers

By SIDNEY MARGOLUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

(This is the concluding installment of an article on income tax returns.)

Sick-Pay Exclusion: One of the best tax savers now available to working folks, but which Prerun finds is still confusing to many people, is the sick-pay exclusion. The pay you receive during the first week of an illness is taxable. But after that, you can subtract from your taxable income up to \$100 a week of pay received while sick. Or, if you were hospitalized at least one day, or your illness was due to an injury even if not on the job, you can subtract up to \$100 of pay received during the first week too. You can subtract the "sick pay" from your taxable income even if you don't itemize other deductions.

Payments from workmen's compensation, sickness insurance or damages you recover for injury are completely tax exempt and should not be included in your taxable income.

Permissible Long-Form Deductions: If you find that your potential deductions do add up to ten percent of your taxable income, and you adopt the long-form return, here are important tax savers: **Property damages** you can deduct include any sudden and unexpected damage to your home, car, boat or other property for which you weren't reimbursed such as damage from collision, hurricane and other storms, water pipes or car freezing up; shrubbery damaged by ice or wind; water damage to retaining walls or to your home from storms or burst pipes; damage caused by heater and boiler explosions and other natural forces.

Contributions you can deduct include not only cash given to charities, non-profit institutions and churches, but also the fair market value of goods or food donated, and children's contributions to church and Sunday school; **interest payments** you can deduct include not only mortgage interest on loans or carrying charges on time payments; **deductible work expenses** include cost of work uniforms which are required for your job and aren't suitable for ordinary wear; safety shoes and other safety equipment, tools and technical literature, union dues and assessments, travel expenses if required by your work (but not commuting expense); **other taxes** which are deductible from Federal income tax include property taxes, state and city income taxes, state gas tax, local and state sales and "use" taxes, poll taxes, auto and driver's license fees, city amusement taxes, occupational

license fees; child-care deduction can be taken by working women (whether wives or widows) and widowers, whether for care of children in your home or outside while you are at work, and even if you pay a close relative but not if you claim the relative as a dependent; **medical expenses** you can deduct include not only doctor, dentist, hospital and nurses' bills but all medicines including home remedies, vitamin and other dietary supplements prescribed by a doctor, fares or car expenses to get medical treatment, premiums paid for health insurance including any withheld from your pay, medical appliances such as glasses, crutches, arch supports, therapeutic heating devices as sun lamp or pad, etc.

Child-care expenses and medical expenses are not automatically deductible, however. Be sure to read the instructions carefully.

Merritt Business School New Term

The new spring term of evening classes at Merritt School of Business, a division of the Oakland Junior College, will start on April 2. Registrations will be accepted April 2, 3, 4, and 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The classes scheduled provide an excellent opportunity for improving office skills or for earning new ones, using up-to-date office equipment including all types of calculating machines, electric typewriters, transcribing machines, and various accounting machines.

Related classes of interest to people in distributive fields include: Business Speaking, Real Estate Law, and Salesmanship. A free employment service is available to all students who meet the job requirements and the specific needs of employers.

As a public junior college, there is no tuition fee. The only cost is a \$2 registration fee. Textbooks and supplies may be purchased at the school bookstore.

For information concerning these and other courses, telephone Humboldt 3-6110 or call at the office, 5714 Grove Street, Oakland.

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To The Ladies FROM THE EDITOR

A WOMAN wrote a letter to the Oakland Tribune recently which should have touched the heart and conscience of any who read it.

"The other day in one of the larger department stores in Oakland," she wrote, "a lost soul, or a mentally ill, was walking around from floor to floor conversing with everyone. I watched the reactions of women she spoke to, and in their faces I saw a mixture of disdain, disgust, and 'from what booby hatch did you escape' attitude. It would have harmed no one to have given her a friendly smile. This woman is a human being, and may be at some time she had been proud and attractive too."

The woman who wrote that letter was voicing the spirit of the Good Samaritan, echoing the divine warning that as we do unto the least of these, so are we doing unto that Lord who once walked the earth as himself one of the poor and lowly.

ON A COUNTRY ROAD, if you're a countryman or countrywoman yourself, and if it's still real country, not a speedway strip between subdivisions, when you meet a stranger you give a hearty salute of friendliness. But in a city, where there are so many of us packed together, that good old custom soon wears off.

This woman who wrote the letter is right. When some "lost soul," or some poor creature befuddled with drink speaks to us, the least we can do is give that "friendly smile" she speaks of.

SUICIDES are increasing, said a recent official report in San Francisco, because so many people feel that no one cares for them. In this topsyturvy rough - and - tumble modern world, they feel not only confused, but terribly alone and unloved. Give 'em that "friendly smile," and be thankful to the good woman who wrote that letter for reminding you to do so!

Colony Furniture Company Pickets

The organizational picket line is sometimes criticized on the ground that it harasses workers in a shop who do not wish to be organized, said Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx at this week's meeting of that body.

But workers at the plant of the Colony Furniture Co., Groulx said, want a union, have held a meeting at the Labor Temple, and keep insisting that the picket line be maintained even though, under the complicated circumstances of the struggle, they continue to work behind it. The union is Furniture Workers 3141, of which Louis Burke is secretary.

JOBLESS WORKERS' weekly benefit checks rose to \$26.10 weekly average in December, the U. S. Labor Department reported. This was an all-time high, an 88-cent rise over the year and \$1.76 higher than in December 1953.

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Beck Denies Reports He Will Soon Be Replaced by J. Hoffa

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thrown out of the old CIO on the ground that it was operated by the Communies.

The abstaining of Beck and Carpenters' General President Hutzschel from attendance at the recent session in Florida of the AFLCIO political strategists' meeting was cited by the daily press throughout the country as another illustration of the difficulties arising in the relationship between Beck and Meany.

These various episodes and rumors of episodes have set the daily press speculating for many weeks not only the relations between Beck and Hoffa, but on those between Beck and Meany. The question of what role Beck and/or Hoffa wish the Teamsters to play in the merged organization has been repeatedly raised in the dailies.

Beck in the March issue of the International Teamster in his "Letter from General President Dave Beck" stresses the system of alliances with other unions which the Teamsters Brotherhood has been developing. He mentions international unions with which such alliances have been made or which he expects to be made: the Machinists, Bakers & Confectioners, Hotel & Restaurant Employees, Carpenters, Laborers, Operating Engineers.

A LETTER... SENT

In this same letter to the membership he says: "I will not interfere with the activities of local unions, joint councils, or area conferences when they operate within the framework of our constitution. . . . There may be things of which I per-

sonally do not approve, but in their application if they do not violate the international constitution or national policy I have no reason to interfere."

And in the letter to the membership Beck includes a cryptic paragraph touching on the question of what he wishes the attitude of Teamsters to be within the AFLCIO:

"A letter has been sent to all local unions and joint councils concerning participation in the work of central bodies, particularly as it may affect the merger of local AFLCIO bodies and as it pertains to those in affiliation therewith."

HAGGERTY'S COMMENT

However, Jack Howard, labor writer for the Chronicle, reported in the March 2 issue of that paper that the Beck letter to the membership says:

"Let us all take full advantage of the two-year provision that the merger committee recommended."

Howard reported further that "C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, said the Teamster action may delay plans to merge the Federation with its CIO counterpart this summer. . . . A number of local labor officials declared . . . that Beck's letter made it doubtful that the State merger could be accomplished at the August 12-17 convention of the federation. Jack Goldberger, head of a local union, joint council, the San Francisco Labor Council, said a careful study will be made of any proposals for merger at the city and State level."

Oakland City Council Is Told BTC Supports a Police Union

(Continued from Page 1)

ed that in his opinion both the chief and the city manager had shown themselves to be no friends of labor.

Delegate Wheeler, Carpenters 36, stressing the importance of action by the Oakland City Council, pointed out that if the City Council approves the idea of the police having a union, there can be no further trouble, as that is the interpretation of the law by the State courts.

HAYWARD MYSTERY

Dan Guzzi, financial secretary, Hayward Carpenters 1822, said that he was unable to understand why a labor man in Hayward should denounce the big shopping center proposed for Hayward. It would seem, he said, as though there ought to be more unity than that among labor people, as certain-ly practically all labor people were for the shopping center, so it seemed strange that a labor leader should act in such a way.

(A report on the Hayward is-

sue will be found in another column on this page).

Guzzi went on to say that it would be a good thing if more people outside the labor movement read East Bay Labor Journal, as he considered it a good paper, and if more outsiders read it they would understand labor better.

BTC Secretary John Davy commented on this that he had been working with several barbers in an effort to get labor's paper in barber shops.

INSPECTORS

President Miller called attention to the announcement that examinations for building inspectors in Oakland are to be held. He suggested that qualified craftsmen should take these examinations.

Rutledge remarked that Civil Service Commissioners Jacopetti and DeMartini are cognizant of the need for competent men as inspectors. Frank DeMartini is secretary of Teamsters 70.

CREDENTIALS
Herbert Coleman, Millwrights 102, was seated as a delegate.

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

ADEQUATE TRAINING for jobs by members of racial minorities was the point stressed by several speakers at a recent forum sponsored by the California Federation for Civic Unity.

This forum, held in San Mateo, was only one of a series being held in this area. The speakers were from schools, government, labor, industry, and minority groups.

All reminded their interested audiences that much progress toward eliminating discrimination had been made in this area, and Fred A. Cutter, of the Cutter Laboratories in Berkeley, said that non-discrimination practiced in his plant, was "simply good business."

It is still true that if you make a better mousetrap, people will flock to your door, and if you have special training your services will inevitably find a market.

Women, in their long battle against discrimination (not yet entirely won) have found this out. Young people just leaving school often suffer unnecessary difficulties because they have neglected to get some sound and thorough training in some one line.

For some time now, we have had what used to be called "good times." And although this is an age of specialization, all too many young people, as well as people of minority groups, come into the labor market with very little to offer.

And the trained applicant is not only more sure of a job, he is more likely to get a better job, with better pay.

Facilities for getting education and training are available all around us. Adults as well as children are provided for in our ever-enlarging school system.

More and more people, of every age and group, are taking advantage of these opportunities, and our own state has much to be proud of in this field.

WORLD FEDERATION of Trade Unions, Communist international labor center has been ordered to close up shop and get out of Austria.

The Guaranteed Annual Wage

In 1943 Harold Ruttenberg was an economist for the C. I. O. Steelworkers Union. At that time he formulated the idea that "workers who live by the year should be paid by the year." Today he's an employer looking at it from the other side.

In March Reader's Digest, Ruttenberg, though he is still a firm believer in the Guaranteed Annual Wage, tells why he now feels that unions must change their ways drastically to make the idea work.

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State CIO Names Merger Men; Raps Ike Veto Message

Following a meeting of its Executive Board, the California CIO Council announced the appointment of a 10-man negotiating committee to meet with the AFL State Federation of Labor counterpart to work for the establishment of a single state labor council.

In addition to the two top officers, President Manuel Dias and Secretary-Treasurer John Despol, the committee is composed of Executive Board members Herbert Wilson and the Council's seven vice presidents: Jack Bruhl, Robert Clark, Sam Eubanks, Jerome Posner, Edward Shedlock, Al King and Dewitt Stone.

The Political Action Committee also approved this committee to serve as the negotiating group for the merger on the political level.

Among other actions taken by the political arm of California CIO was the unanimous approval of the following statement on the natural gas bill and the Presidential veto:

"President Eisenhower was compelled to veto the natural gas bill to protect his administration from further embarrassing criticism."

"The California CIO Council regrets that he used the veto for reasons of political expediency only and that he continues to support the Fulbright-Harris bill in principle. "The California CIO Council opposes exploitation of natural gas consumers for the benefit of big oil producers. The producers' lobby, with its unlimited funds, was defeated, this time by an 11th hour disclosure of its wholly unprincipled operations."

"The only sure protection for the consumer is the election of a Congress which will not be subservient to the oil industry."

The Political Action Committee also instructed the officers to form an ad hoc committee to obtain funds to support the legal fight of the Alabama citizens who are being deprived of their economic right to refuse to patronize buses on which segregated seating is practiced.

The next meeting of PAC is scheduled in Fresno for March 22-23, when announced candidates for the U. S. Senate will be interviewed for purposes of endorsement. Both Republican and Democratic contenders have already received the official questionnaire of the California CIO-PAC.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

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Public Employees Conference Soon

The second annual California Conference of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Public Employees opens next Friday, March 16, at Hotel Leamington, and continues through Saturday March 17.

The union's regional director, Jim McCormack, and general representative, Dan Scannell, are on the program as speakers, as well as AFLCIO Regional Director Daniel W. Flanagan, and Colonel A. E. Garey, civil service counselor of the union.

On a discussion panel are Harry Crocker, Otto Hahn and Lyman Penning, says Joseph Falls, conference secretary.

The invocation as the conference opened is given by the Rev. Father John T. McCracken, and the blessing at the Saturday luncheon by the Rev. Laurence L. Cross.

Falls said that among the subjects being discussed are old age and survivors' insurance, the merger of the AFL and CIO, its structure of organization, and the work of representing locals of the union.

State and local officials are conference guests.

EMPLOYEES DISCHARGED by two Texas lumber companies because they asked Secretary of Labor Mitchell to bring suit for back wages due them under the Fair Labor Standards Act, must be reinstated, a Federal Court has ruled.

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Machinist Ladies Have Good Session

By OLIVE M. HARVEY
Press Correspondent

Our first March meeting of IAM Ladies Auxiliary 97 was called to order for our new president, Naomi Vercelli, under some difficulty. It seems that she went up to Truckee to visit her grandchildren and left her voice buried in the deep snow up there. I met her down town the first part of the week and she could not speak at all but by time for the meeting she had regained her voice some, though she still croaked a little.

The attendance at the meeting was good. After disposing of the usual first of the month business we installed Past President Evelyn Gerhold as musician as Marlo Lawrence decided she would not be able to fill the office.

President Naomi called a joint meeting of the officers, ways and means committee and sewing club at her home last Tuesday. Many plans were made for the coming year after which Naomi served us yummy refreshments while we had a gossip session. Everyone agreed we had a very pleasant evening, with President Naomi a charming hostess.

Past President Eve Hare will be hostess to the sewing club the 4th Tuesday of this month. The next officers' meeting will be at sister Ruth Downs with sisters Clark, Hare, Gerhold and Dixon as co-hostesses.

Sister Jennie Cortezzo will enter Providence Hospital for major surgery this week. Be sure and send cards to her, and also to Past President Eva Galaher who is under doctor's care, and Cassie Ward, who has just returned home from a long 'sleeze in the hospital.

A group of us motored out to Richmond to attend council meeting and make plans for the coming international convention which will be held in San Francisco in August.

Sister Pauline and Brother Tony's son Ronnie flew home the week end in a jet plane at 550 miles per hour nearly giving Pauline heart failure. Sister Gladys and Brother Harry Lear's son Mike is on the U.S.S. Wasp.

The Past Presidents Club enjoyed their annual dinner this year at Bimbo's 365 Club in the big city. We initiated Past President Opal Lawrence into our club that night. We had a wonderful time, the food was so delicious and the floor show really good. We did not want to go home, we enjoyed ourselves so much.

Our next meeting night will be given over to Machinists 284 for their annual award dinner which will be in our banquet room with our auxiliary as hostesses. Time 6:30 p.m.

We will have a potluck dinner April 19 in the banquet room from 6 p.m. on Place, St. George's Hall, 25th and Grove. Price, Adults \$1.00, children, 50 cents. Be sure and come and bring your friends.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

Painters Local 40: Times Do Change!

By BEN RASNICK

The 20th convention of the State Conference of Painters is read most of you will have heard the reports of the delegates. That is if you attend your Local's meetings. The general executive board held their quarterly meeting in Los Angeles at the same time and attended most of our meetings, and gave all delegates the opportunity of meeting and speaking with them.

District Council No. 16 continues to "forge ahead" with scheduled meetings with council delegates that we hope will culminate in a new operating procedure.

While I'm very proud of the labor record of this area, I still couldn't help feeling a little jealous of the great advancements that have been made by other areas, areas that up to a few years ago were the most unorganized, non-union in California.

It should be significant to all of us that in rectifying that situation, those areas did not choose our present District Council procedure. While I admit that certain conditions require their own systems, I still cannot accept the time worn phrase that "our system was good enough 20 years ago and it's good enough now."

Employer groups must really get a big laugh as they watch one local fighting another local, and a business representative feuding with another. You can be sure that as long as we are divided, those groups will continue to add fuel to the fires as one labor group or individual is pitted against another.

This area which was the cradle of organized labor in northern California, will still continue to give birth to new progressive ideas for the benefit of the membership.

How much more could be accomplished under a united council with every Local striving to help not only their own membership but all the brothers. The energy that has been uselessly spent in building up barriers between Locals should be spent in striving to keep those barriers from being formed at all. Times change and the ebb and flow of manpower may have quite an adverse effect of the membership rolls of many Locals. One may be able to stand alone today but what of the future? The largest Local today may be the smallest tomorrow. Let's stand united and let the spirit of co-operation reign.

The future is not in the hands of fate, but in ours. Watch for more news about the annual District Council No. 16 picnic. It's something new and I know all the brothers and their families will enjoy it.

Painters Local No. 40 meets March 9th, at 8:00 p.m. We'll have some interesting reports on the State Conference so please make every effort to attend.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.



East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546 To All Shop Stewards:

You are herewith officially notified that the Shop Stewards meeting of Lodge 1546 will meet in regular session, Tuesday, March 13, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Refer to bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple for meeting hall.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Sheet Metal Workers 216

Death Assessments No. 385 and 386 are now due and payable. Brother John Paulsen, No. 128169, a member of Local No. 216 passed away on January 10, 1956 and Brother Max Sieg, No. 9031, a member of Local No. 104, San Francisco, passed away on January 26, 1956.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

Steamfitters 342

The Thirty-Sixth California Pipe Trades convention will be held in San Jose April 27, 28 and 29. Registrations for delegates were opened March 1. Closing date for registrations will be March 22. First reading of registrations will be held March 15. The second reading of registrations and the election of delegates will be held at the special called meeting of April 5.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y. Bus. Mgr.

UC Employees 371

Our regular monthly meeting will be held Saturday, March 10, at the Labor Temple, 8 p.m.

Installation of officers will be held, and selection of delegates for the second annual conference of AFSCME to be held March 16-17 at the Hotel Leamington in Oakland; also delegates for the international convention in Detroit April 23 through 27. Each and every member should attend.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the members who attended the February meeting, one of the best we ever had. Now, let's keep up the good attendance!

Yours fraternally,
WALTER N. RENYER,
Secretary-Treasurer

Government Employees 1533

Naval Supply Center Lodge 1533, American Federation of Government Employees, will have its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, March 13, 8 p.m., at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. William W. Fitzsimmons, president, will preside.

The lodge is composed mostly of Federal employees of the Center. There are some that belong to other agencies. Any prospective member of the Federal Government is cordially invited to attend the meeting, except postal employees, who have their own organization.

RICHARD L. NEWMAN,
Publicity Chairman
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Hayward Painters 1178

Friday evening, March 16 we meet again in a regular session and, as beforementioned, at the next several meetings there will be reports made on some subjects that will be of importance to us all.

After the meeting has closed the semi-monthly get-together will be the next order of the evening. We'll see you there.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823

The regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13, at 2:30 p.m. at Local 823 headquarters.

Fraternally yours,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

Bakery Wagon Drivers and Salesmen No. 432

Quarterly meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. in Hall M, 3rd floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

As per By-Laws, a penalty of \$5.00 shall be imposed for non-attendance.

Your attendance is urgently requested. Please be on time.

Fraternally yours,
LES BENHAM, Sec'y-Treas.
Business Representative

Berkeley Painters Local 40

The next meeting of Local No. 40 will be held Friday, March 9.

Fraternally yours,
BEN RASNICK,
Recording Secretary

Southern Alameda County Voters League-AFL

The monthly meeting is held regularly on the third Thursday of the month, accordingly this month's meeting will be held March 15, at the old Labor Temple, Soto and B Streets, Hayward.

Yours fraternally,
ANDRE LA ROCHE,
Secretary

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Dressing Room Chatter

Theater B-82: Pact Prospects Bright!

By JOE CONNELLY

The picture for a settlement between the union and employers relative to gaining an improved agreement and wage scale is indeed very bright at this writing. With both sides making concessions it appears at this time that only the formality of some minor mechanical need to be worked out.

The actual signing has not taken place as yet and until that is done we can not completely report that a full agreement has taken place.

We will report on negotiations to date at the regular monthly evening meeting of Mar. 15, scheduled at 11:30 p.m.

At that time we will present the proposed wage scale as it will effect each individual house and the employee working within the classification of that house, and touch upon the length of the retroactivity that has been agreed on.

Other than your representative, the employee committee consisted of Past President Fred Miller of this local, Secretary-Treasurer Sutherland of the California State Theatrical Federation; President Al Maass of Local B-18; Vice-President of the State Federation of Labor, Harry Finks; and International Representative John A. Forde.

Up and down the aisle ... Veteran doorman Elmer Loofbourrow, returning to his old stand on the Paramount door to replace John Nolan ... Old time cashiers, who worked the Golden Gate International Exposition in 1939 and 1940 are advised that a reunion will be held in the "Room of the Dons" at the Hotel Mark Hopkins in San Francisco on Sunday, March 11th. Anyone male or female who worked the "Fair" in '39 or '40 as a cashier who is interested in attending may obtain additional information by calling Underhill 1-3520.

We regretfully close this column in memory of Willard Welch, who died recently at his San Francisco home. Mr. Welch was well known in local theatrical circles having managed the Orpheum, Senator, Broadway and T & D theaters.

Fraternally yours,
WALTER N. RENYER,
Secretary-Treasurer

Watch It With Watchmakers

Officers Elected By Watchmakers

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

At the February meetings, the following officers were elected for a two year period: President — James Glasser. Vice-President — Nolan Holdridge. Recording Secretary — William Thomson. Secretary-Treasurer and Business Manager — George F. Allen. Sergeant-at-Arms — Burt Drew.

Executive Board Members — Warren K. Billings, Victor Venturi, Emil Balangero, James Cates, Joseph Matulich, Carl Tissenbaum, Frank De Filippo. San Jose Executive Board Member — Robert Vergara. Trustees — Joseph Sainz, Michael San Filippo, Dale Fletcher.

In accordance with the International Constitution, all affidavits have been signed by the new officers and forwarded to the International Office.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, March 15th at 7 p.m. — Union Office, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco.

Red Paper Income Drops 60 Percent

In 1948, the People's World, the Commie paper published in San Francisco, had an income of \$123,900 from mailed subscriptions.

In 1955, the paper's income from the same source was only \$40,370, a decline of \$75,530 or 60 percent.

The figures are cited by the People's World in a recent front page discussion of "Economics of Circulation."

The paper goes on to note that the big decline has been in the daily subscriptions, a drop of 63 percent since 1948. The drop in "weekend subscriptions," that is, for the Friday issue alone, without the other four days, was only 38 percent.

In other words, as the paper indicates, in effect it has been shifting from a daily to a weekly. In its current drive to meet what it announces is a \$24,000 deficit, it is trying to get more readers to subscribe for the full paper.

Printer Auxiliary In March Meeting

By Muriel Pfaffenberger Press Correspondent

The March 1 business meeting of W. A. No. 26 and Mailers No. 18 Auxiliary which was held at Mrs. Patterson's home was very successful and Mrs. Patterson, our Charter Member certainly did herself proud in serving a delicious luncheon.

Plans were made at this meeting for our 46th birthday party which will be held at the Show Boat down at Jack London Square Friday, March 16. There will be a short meeting preceding our luncheon at 11:30 and the time is set at 12:30 for lunch.

Those members wishing to attend are urged to make reservations with Secretary Mary Farley as early as possible.

Telephone Landscape 6-8423.

Colliver Attends National Meeting

Ray Colliver, AFLCIO Community Services Director stationed in Oakland, has spent this week in Washington, D. C. at the first national conference of the AFLCIO Community Services Council.

The conference is being held at the Willard Hotel. Colliver led a discussion on the method of conducting a social welfare institute such as was held here a year or so ago.

OIL, CHEMICAL & Atomic Workers 1-561, representing 2200 Standard Oil Workers in Contra Costa county, has accepted an offer of a 6% wage increase.

NEW WAGE-HOUR field offices have been opened to help administer the new \$1 an hour minimum wage law effective March 1.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

Stage Local 107: Remember Mar. 15

By WILLIAM PELKEY

I don't-like to seem repetitious, but I would like to remind everyone once more of the party coming March 15 at 9:00 p.m. at the Oakland Auditorium ballroom.

Tickets may be purchased at the following places: Operators office in the Orpheum Theater Bldg. on Broadway, Frank Fl-gone of the janitors at his office, Joe Connelly of the B-local will be more than glad to take care of your requirements, any stage hand wandering around town may be persuaded to sell you any amount you may require.

Did you hear the one about the stagehand who bought a new Thunderbird and had to get his neighbor to show him how to drive it. As if this were not bad enough he loses the keys to it and had to drive his old car, poor kid. You might call him the kissing stage hand.

Terry Sullivan the manager of the Fruitvale Theater has a message to John Craig: Please bring back my spiders.

Big Joe Miller and little Bill Maley of the S. F. Local were in fine shape Friday night at the B. T. acts.

Oakland's School Bonds Scheduled

The Oakland Board of Education has taken action to have submitted to the voters in the June 5 election a \$40 millions bond issue for school buildings, the money to be spent annually at the rate of \$10 millions for four years.

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OPINIONS

W. YEOMAN

I read your good editorial in the February 17 issue "Gas Steal And The Two Parties," with interest, and am wholeheartedly in agreement with you, but the sad thing is we have the same problem in our own back yard.

The following quotation is from Drew Pearson's Column, that appeared in the San Leandro Morning News, February 7, 1956.

"When Congressman George Miller, Democrat of California, was running last time he got a call from Speaker Sam Rayburn to see if he needed any money. Miller said he did, and Sam sent him \$2500.

"So when the Gas Bill came up for a vote last summer, Miller was found voting on the side of the big Gas Companies."

Very truly yours,

W. YEOMAN
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Editor's Note: Congressman Miller has informed East Bay Labor Journal that "there is not a scintilla of truth in the story Drew Pearson published that I received \$2500 from Speaker Sam Rayburn. Anyone who knows Sam Rayburn knows he is not a bagman for the special interests."

GREENLAND

Ed Robertson writes from San Pablo that craftsmen who worked at Thule, Greenland, during the 1955 season have received a letter from the new contractor who has landed the job, asking them if they wish to work there in 1956.

The rate of return for sheet metal workers, says Robertson, which is offered this year "is a cut of about \$73 every two weeks from what it was last year. Looks like the Elephant is at work... I certainly thought we had better laws, especially on Government projects spending Government money."

One of the conditions laid down by the new contractor, styling itself "Greenland Contractors: A Joint Venture" is that "employees will be paid straight time only, regardless of hours worked."

THEY READ IT!

Editor, Labor Journal:
Again I wish to thank you for the excellent meeting notices for our local which appear in your paper.

The notice for the January, 1956 meeting resulted in an attendance of 92% of our total membership.

Cordially and
fraternally yours,
JOSEPH FALLS, Sec'y
School Employees 257

'UNSAVORY'

We note with little enthusiasm the movement of the International Boxing Guild, the managers' organization outlawed in New York, to secure a charter in the AFLCIO. The sports pages of the papers have revealed some rather unsavory aspects of the fight business, notably involving the managers' guild.—Chicago Federation News.

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EDITORIALS

Batten & Barton & Durstine & Osborn Put on an Ike Show

Not long ago, says an article in the Reporter, that excellent fortnightly, Howard Pyle, former Governor of Arizona and now Deputy Assistant to the President, told a Printer's Ink survey-taker that "the Republican Party has long been identified with BBDO (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn). They represent us at campaign time and all the time in between on a retainer."

Printer's Ink is a leading trade publication devoted to the interests of big advertisers and advertising agencies. BBDO is one of the leading advertising agencies.

It was BBDO, the Reporter goes on to say, that did the Citizens for Eisenhower show on the eve of the 1952 Election Day, in which the little people were supposed to be reporting to Ike on the progress of his crusade. ("Well, all the guys I know out in Korea," said Typical Veteran, "figure there's only one man for the job. General, and that's you. We've been getting tired of politicians, and we'd like to see a real commander-in-chief on the job." Announcer: "Thanks, soldier. I guess maybe that is all America's answer, too." Crowd: "We want Ike. We want Ike.")

Corny hokum. But it worked in 1952, and so on The Great Day, February 29, 1956, BBDO put on another corny hokum show, or rather put the finishing touch on a show they'd been conducting for months.

The Great Guessing Contest. Was he, or wasn't he? Was the country going to perish, or was the Hero going to step forth and rescue the prostrate figure of Columbia the Gem of the Ocean, tied across the railroad track by some unmentionable scoundrel—rescue her just as the dread Democratic choochoo was about to roll over here? Yes, he was, and he did! Hooray!

But before that last wonderful moment when the Hero stepped forth and broke the interesting news that the White House job is so easy that "adverse effects on my health will be less in the Presidency than in any other position I might hold"—before that final breathtaking revelation had been made, the BBDO had been showmanshipping beautifully.

Here and there a brother of Ike would say, "I'm sure Big Brother is gonna run," and then all the geese in the pen would begin noisemaking again. The suspense was wonderful.

But Wall Street, which belongs to Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, or which owns the BBDO outfit, we've forgotten which, Wall Street took the tip from the brotherly nudges. By the time Der Big Tag came along, the Zero Hour when the Big Egg was to be laid, the Wall Streeters had got the point: Ike was going to run, so they did all their maneuvering on the stock market in advance, and when the final "startling" news came, they had cashed in, and only the suckers were clamoring to buy.

Or, as the Associated Press put it on Der Big Tag: "The market has been fairly strong for the last two weeks. Many buyers of this period were the sellers today. The various straws in the wind had meant Mr. Eisenhower would run. When the YES came they sold on today's early upsurge while plenty of other folk were clamoring to buy."

Seems strange that Democratic National Chairman Butler was so dumb as to ask for equal space on radio and TV for the Democrats to reply. There was nothing to reply to. It was just a durned good piece of Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn entertainment. Who wants to reply to entertainment? Why not just laugh and be glad we all had free passes to the show, with no obligation to pay up next November with a vote for Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn?

Red Jackals Bite Dead Lion

The Communist People's World, discussing the significance of the recent 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, employs an amusing bit of literary legerdemain in referring to the way the live jackals of the Soviet tore the stuffing out of the dead lion, Stalin. Says the Commie paper editorially:

"The Congress frankly discussed mistakes and shortcomings... it criticized... the absence of collective leadership in the Communist Party for many years."

That's a slick way to put it, but that isn't the way we'd say it. We'd say that the miserable lickspittles who kissed the old scoundrel's boots as long as he was alive and powerful, have now developed enough courage in their cowardly souls to crawl out of the woodwork and squirt poison on the dead.

The Commie paper, spokesmen for the live jackals as it formerly was for the old lion, concludes its clerkly task for Moscow by stating, correctly enough, that "the Soviet Union... cannot be denounced out of existence," and that "there is no choice for our country but to live with it..."

"Our country." Those two words, also, deserve translation into reality, but we leave that task to the imagination of our readers.

As Soon as Possible

The San Francisco Chronicle says that General President Dave Beck of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, has written a letter to the membership of that union containing this advice:

"Let us all take full advantage of the two-year provision that the merger committee recommended."

The Chronicle quotes C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor, as saying that the Teamster action may delay plans to merge the Federation with the CIO State Council this summer; it also quotes Teamster Jack Goldberger, president of the S. F. Labor Council, as saying that now "a careful study will be made" of merger plans locally.

Beck's letter was addressed to the Teamster membership, not to the AFLCIO membership in general; the merger committee and AFLCIO President Meany have recommended that on local and State levels merger be accomplished as soon as possible within the two-year final limit.

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Democratic State Central Committee.

FINK'S STATEMENT

Harry Finks, State Federation of labor vice president from Sacramento, however, did not count himself among "liberals... who refuse to follow Knight."

Finks, according to Don Thomas, political editor of Oakland Tribune, urged President Eisenhower to take Knight as his running mate, and said:

"We of labor would much prefer that the President take Governor Knight as his running mate on the basis of his great record and demonstration of executive ability in California."

Finks, along with State Federation President Thomas Pitts and Secretary-Treasurer C. J. Haggerty, has long been in the Knight camp.

Senator Knowland in his criticism of the President's announced campaign plans said that while the President should not do any "barnstorming" he should do a good deal more than talk on TV and radio.

Meanwhile, both candidates for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senators have been talking in the Bay Area. State Senator Richard Richards spoke at the preprimary convention of the Seventh Congressional District, and former Congressman Sam Yorty spoke at various gatherings.

A slate of 136 delegates pledged to Senator Estes Kefauver for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency was filed with California Secretary of State Frank Jordan, Alameda county names on the list were: Lyle E. Cook, Clara Shipper, DeLancey C. Smith, Berkeley; the Rev. Laurence S. Odom and State CIO President Manuel Dias, Oakland; Annis M. Rock, San Leandro; John M. Hoffman, Verona C. Floyd, Hayward.

Carl C. Guittot of Eureka, publisher of the Redwood Empire Labor Journal, and Charles W. Clough of Fresno, editor of the AFLCIO paper there, are on the list.

Molly H. Minudri of San Francisco, well known in the labor movement, is also listed.

EAST BAY IRON Metal Company, 801 69th avenue, Oakland, operated by four brothers, Samuel, William, Aaron, and David Hillman, pleaded "no contest" to a charge of violating the Fair Labor Standards Act, and the brothers will be sentenced March 22 by Federal Judge Michael J. Roche.

Governor Knight has appointed Mrs. Catherine Campbell Hearst, wife of Randolph A. Hearst, president of the Hearst Publishing Company, San Francisco, to the Board of Regents of the University of California.

Mrs. Chandler, wife of the publisher of the Los Angeles Times, a paper considered by organized labor even more reactionary than the Hearst papers, was made a Regent by Knight some time ago.

The labor spokesman on the Board of Regents is C. J. Haggerty, secretary, State Federation of Labor, who was appointed to the board by Earl Warren when Governor.

The Chandler and Hearst papers and Haggerty all supported Knight for Governor in the last State election.

Samuel B. Mosher, Los Angeles oil magnate, was also named to the UC board at the same time the Hearst press got its seat there.

BLUE CROSS membership in America has reached 50 million, according to a report issued recently by Hospital Service of California.

Office People In Butchers, Teamos

An agreement between the Teamsters and the Butchers in San Francisco to divide up office workers in an organizational drive was reported last week in the daily press.

On the international level, the two unions recently worked out a mutual assistance pact.

In San Francisco Rudy Tham, secretary-treasurer of the Teamster Freight Clerks & Clerical Employees Local 856, was reported as saying that the Teamsters will organize the packing house office workers and the Butchers will organize office workers in the meat jobbing houses.

George Mesure, Butchers 115, said office workers of 39 meat jobbing plants have been signed up and a contract will be announced soon.

Tham said he has signed up the H. Moffatt Co. under a master contract "covering all packing houses" in his area, and that the contract provides for wage increases of from \$22 to \$80 a month, plus health insurance and pension plan participation.

Town Fair to Be Big Event: Diviny

With the labor management cooperation we have received already, we can expect to give the people of San Francisco and the Bay Area a tremendous variety of merchandise from which to choose at the Town Fair.

So stated Joseph Diviny, General Chairman for the Town Fair benefit for the City of Hope, in a recent interview. The merchandise will be sold at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Van Ness and Sutter Streets, San Francisco, March 23 through 26.

All proceeds from the Town Fair will go to the City of Hope National Medical Center to help in its three-pronged battle with the catastrophic diseases—tuberculosis, cancer, leukemia, Hodgkin's disease and heart ailments.

GENERAL FUND REVENUES of California during the first seven months of the 1955-56 fiscal year totaled \$497,768,532. This is an increase of \$54,805,698, or more than 12 percent, over the corresponding period last year.

Defense Weakest Of Ike Policies, Sam Yorty Argues

Former Congressman Sam Yorty, candidate for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator in the June 5 primary, told the Central Labor Council this week that "you may be surprised to hear me say so, but of all the Eisenhower policies, I think the President's defense policy is the weakest."

Yorty went on to say that when he began criticizing defense policy some years ago in Congress, people would say to him: "But after all, the President is a great general; surely we're safe in leaving defense matters to his judgment."

Yorty said that at first he was impressed by this line of argument himself, but the more he studied the matter, the more he became convinced that he was on the right track. This feeling was confirmed, he said, when men so well versed in military affairs as Generals Vandenberg and Ridgway began tearing the veil off the Administration's defense policy.

Russia, said Yorty, is getting ahead of us because of this weakness of the Eisenhower Administration.

Yorty said that during the 20 years he has been in public life he has always had the support of organized labor, and that his voting record both in the Legislature and in Congress proved that this confidence of labor in him was justified.

State Senator Richard Richards, who also seeks the Democratic nomination in the primary for U. S. Senator, and who recently won the endorsement of the Fresno conference of Democratic clubs, was sharp-

ly referred to by Yorty. Yorty implied that the Commies were infiltrating groups supporting Richards, though, he said, Richards is not himself a Communist. Yorty also repeated the charge he has made many times elsewhere, that the cards were stacked against him by the Richards backers at the Fresno conference.

NONFARM HOUSING starts in January held at about the December 1955 level and totaled 74,000 units, the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

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